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1. CATALOGUE HAS CONTINUED TO CREATE GREAT DIFFICULTY WITH PRC IN SHOWS PRIOR TO US EXHIBITION. AS YOU MAY KNOW, BRITISH CATALOGUE IS ANATHEMA TO PRC AS IS AUTHOR WATSON. FURTHERMORE, EXHIBITION CATALOGUE BECAME ISSUE OF EXTENSIVE CONTROVERSY WITH PRC IN CANADIAN NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING US DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC REGARDING CHINESE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SHOW. WE NOW FEEL IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR US TO USE EITHER OF THESE ENGLISH TEXTS AS PRODUCED OR EVEN IF AMENDED. AS A RESULT, NELSON GALLERY ATKINS MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - SITE OF SECOND US EXHIBITION - HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO TRANSLATE AUSTRIAN CATALOGUE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM INFORMED SOURCES THAT PRC CLEARED OR EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE AUSTRIAN CATALOGUE.

3. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE US ASAP WITH A) AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS' CONFIDENTIAL

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